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TAGS: BDIS, CO

SUBJ: ALLEGED LAND SWINDLE IN COLOMBIA

REF: STATE 126873

1. MESSRS. RALPH GILL AND HERMAN LESTER VISITED EMBASSY LAST AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. AFTER INITIAL CALL ON DEFENSE ATTACHE, COL. VAIL, THEY WERE REFERRED TO A CONSULAR OFFICER, WHO DISCUSSED LAND PURCHASE WITH THEM AND ADVISED THEM TO OBTAIN COMPETENT LEGAL COUNSEL. NO RECORDS EXISTS OF THEM SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR.

2. EMBASSY WILL BE HAPPY TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND REPORT FURTHER IF DEPARTMENT WILL FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING LAND TRANSACTION. SPECIFICALLY, WE NEED TO KNOW A) NAMES OF SELLERS, B) NAMES OF COLOMBIAN LAWYERS WHO DEMANDED AND RECEIVED \$250,000, C) LOCATION OF PROPERTY, D) TERMS OF CONTRACT, E) DATES OF TRANSACTIONS AND F) ANY OTHER DETAILS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN INVESTIGATING THE PROBLEM.  
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